Mr. T. Krishna Pillai : In that case, may I know why any maximum was fixed at all?

Mr. A. Gopala Menon : We start with certain ideals; then practical difficulties arise, and we cut our coats according to our cloth.

Mr. K. K. Kuruvilla (*Mavelikara and Tiruvalla cum Pattanamtitta*) : May I know whether, in foreign countries, they admit 60 or 70 in a class, in the way they are being admitted here?

Mr. A. Gopala Menon : I cannot answer the latter part of the question, namely whether, in the West, they do it in the same way we are doing it; but I have figures with me to show that, in America, Germany, Austria, England and even France, the number of pupils in certain classes goes up to 70 or 80.

Mrs. Abernam Gnanasikamony (*Nominated*) : Is that the case with regard to the primary classes also?

Mr. A. Gopala Menon : Unfortunately, it is so.

Irregular execution of work by Nagercoil P. W. D. Division Officer.

107. * **Sahib Bahadur M. Sultan Muhiadheen** : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there is any practice in the Nagercoil Division Office of issuing orders for executing work for which there is no previous budget estimate;

(*b*) if so, whether such practice entails delay of payment to the contractors;

(*c*) when was the order issued by the Division Officer to the contractor for executing the surplus sluice work in Pottakulam bearing S. No. 1647 of Aloor pakuthi;

(*d*) when was that work completed;

(*e*) whether the final bill for the work has been prepared and sanctioned;

(*f*) whether the contractor has been paid as per that bill; and

(*g*) if not, the reason for the delay?

Mr. S. Sesha Aiyar : (*a*) No.

(*b*) It does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

(*c*) On 18th June 1939. The work was arranged by the Sub-Division Officer, Nagercoil.

(*d*) The question is not clear.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) The contractor has been notified to receive payment.

(*g*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*f*).

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